Rehabilitation of Army deserters

2489. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state what steps have been taken by Government for the rehabilitation of army personnel who had deserted in 1984?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH) : Army personnel who had deserted in 1984 are being dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the Army Act and the rules thereon.

The following steps have been taken in the case of the Army personnel who had indulged in acts of indiscipline following the 'Operation Blue Star' :—

(1) Persons who were not awarded the punishment of dismissal will continue in service.

(2) Persons who have been awarded the punishment of dismissal have a right to submit statutory petitions under the Army Act. All such petitions will be considered by the Competent Authority and redressal granted on merits of each case.

(3) All recruits who were discharged from service will be re-screened to determine their suitability for recruitment into the Defence Security Corps.

Road accidents in Delhi

2490. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that road accidents in Delhi have registered an upward trend during the last six months ;

(b) if so, the number of accidents during the last six months as compared to those in the corresponding period of last year;

(c) whether it is a fact that besides other factors responsible for accidents, accidents take place when a driver jumps the signal or pays no regard to zebra crossing; and

(d) if so, what steps Government are taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) Yes.

(b) The number of accidents in the last six months are as under :

1984	1985
(1-5-84 to 31-10-84)	(1-5-85 to 31-10-85)
3050	3150

(c) Yes.

(d) The steps taken by the Delhi Traffic Police are as under :

(1) A special drive has been launched to deal with traffic violations, especially, red-light jumping, obstructive parking, violations by DTC drivers and TSR drivers. During the current year, 94,104 prosecutions each for red light violations and zebra crossings have been made by the Police.

(2) The Delhi Traffic Police identifies accidents prone areas and tries to pin- point the causes of accidents. It educates the road users by making announcements, distributing road safety literature etc. The Traffic Police has a Road Safety Cell, which visits one school every week where films on road safety, exhibition and lecture are held. The Traffic Police have also opened a Traffic Pavilion in Pragati